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1. During April 1949, Engineer Karel Ceh was dismissed from his position as Director of the Central European lead mines in Mezica, shortly after his dismissal from the Communist Party on charges of treason and collaboration with the Nazi authorities during the German occupation of Yugoslavia. Ceh was allegedly very unpopular with employees of the mines because of his ruthless methods. Ceh and Lipi Potocnik, an employee of the planning department of the General Direction of Mining, have been transferred to Belgrade. Ceh's successor, Valentin Marinko, was originally a laborer. He served with the Partisans during the war and was awarded the "Partisan Star", 2nd class. For some time after the war Marinko was a prominent member of the Federal UDB in Slovenia. He is the brother of Miha Marinko, Slovene Prime Minister. Jozse Milansek, a former laborer, has been appointed Deputy Director, succeeding Engineer Franc Govejssek. Milansek is regarded as an uneducated person. During the war he went into hiding until 1944, when he was recruited by the Partisans. While serving with the Partisans, Milansek had the reputation of being a good fighter, and he soon became a member of the Communist Party.
2. Other employees of the Mezica mine are Engineers Stane Ursic and Tiringar, administrative officers; Engineer Frank Duler, chief of surface operations; Tone Papler and Alojz Zorc, mining engineers; Franc Manchler, chief of electrical installations; Jozef Delbost, president of the mine trade union; Anton Keber, vice-president of the trade union; Ogan Krizenovski, secretary, and Marija Trbovsek, cashier.
3. Present mining operations are impeded by shortages of carbide lamps, burners, pneumatic drills, and by the poor quality of explosives supplied by the Kavanik gunpowder plant. The mine operates two Tetra trucks, two Fiat trucks, one of British manufacture, two passenger cars and a bus.

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